

Eden United Church of Christ
Order for Worship
Second Sunday after Epiphany
Sunday, January 14, 2018
10:00 a.m.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Eden United Church of Christ is an Open and Affirming congregation.

We believe that all people are children of God;

that persons of all ages, races and sexual orientations are part of our increasingly diverse culture.

We welcome all persons into the full life and ministry of this church.

Children's bulletins are available upon request from the ushers.

Thank you for muting your cell phone, pager, and PDA during worship.

*Thank you for bringing no food or beverages in the Sanctuary
other than sacramental elements and bottled water.*

PRELUDE “Aria: Rejoice Greatly!” from Messiah Handel

THE LIGHT ENTERS WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS The Rev. Pepper Swanson
(Thank you for your gift of presence and for completing a blue or peach worship card today)

* **INTROIT** Arise, Your Light Is Come (v.2) **NCH № 164**
*A-rise, your light is come! Fling wide the pri-son door;
Pro-claim the cap-tive's lib-er-ty, good tid-ings to the poor.*

* **CALL TO WORSHIP** *(All who are able may stand)* Herb Graw

L: God called Moses through a burning bush saying,
“Lead my people to freedom.”

R: Moses went before Pharaoh and said, “Let my people go.”

L: God called Samuel in a dream saying,
“Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?”

R: Samuel said, “Here am I! Send me.”

L: Mary was visited by the angel Gabriel who said,
“You will conceive and bear a son, Emmanuel.”

R: Mary replied, “Let it be according to your word.”

L: Jesus called Simon and Andrew, and James and John saying,
“Follow me, and I will make you fishers for people.”

R: Immediately they got out of their boats and followed him.

* **HYMN** Here, I Am O Lord *insert*

* **INVOCATION** (*in unison*) Herb

O Divine Word, we hear you calling in the night—telling us that a new day is dawning—and inviting us to be heralds of good news. Give us eyes to see your vision, and the courage to embrace unconventional callings—regardless of whether we are young and eager like Samuel, or old and wise like Eli. Amen.

* **PASSING OF THE PEACE** Herb

L: The peace of God be with you all.

R: **And also with you.**

L: Let us greet our neighbors with a sign of peace.

MUSICAL INTERLUDE Herb

L: Worship will continue with the Children's Gathering.

CHILDREN'S GATHERING "Super Kids" Pastor Arlene

CHILDREN'S BLESSING Immortal Love, Forever Full (v. 2) **NCH № 166**

*Our out-ward lips con-fess the Name all oth-er names a-bove;
Love on-ly knows from where it came and com-pre-hends God's love.*

(Children in grades K-7 are excused for Church School. Youth may remain in worship or assist with Church School. Nursery care for babies and toddlers is available at any time during worship.)

SCRIPTURE 1 Samuel 3:1-20 Herb Graw
(Pew Bibles, pp. 215-216)

SERMON "Unlikely Callings" The Rev. Dr. Arlene K. Nehring

* **HYMN** Jesus Calls Us, o'er the Tumult **NCH № 172**

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY Pastor Pepper

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Jesus' Prayer *(in unison)*

Our God, in whom is heaven, blessed be your name. Your presence come, your will be done, both here and everywhere. May your realm of peace and freedom sustain our hopes and come on earth. May we be fed today with the bread that we need, and may forgiveness be ours in the same measure we give. In times of temptation, strengthen us. From the grip of all that is evil, free us. For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever. Amen.

Prayer Response Hear Our Prayer O God. **NCH № 769**
*Hear our prayer, O God, hear our prayer, O God;
In-cline your ear to us, and grant us your peace.*

OFFERING & DEDICATION OF OUR GIFTS

Invitation *(Thank you for placing your blue worship card in the offering plate)* Herb

Offertory Great Is Thy Faithfulness arr. L. Shackley

***Response** Love Came Down at Christmas *(v. 3)* **NCH № 165**
*Love shall be our to-ken;
love be yours and love be mine;
Love to God and neigh-bor,
love for plea and gift and sign.*

***Prayer of Dedication** Herb

*** HYMN** Grant Us Wisdom to Perceive You **NCH № 510**

*** BENEDICTION** Pastor Arlene

*** RESPONSE** God be with you **NCH № 809**
*God be with you, God be with you,
God be with you till we meet a-gain.
O God be with you, God be with you,
God be with you till we meet a-gain.*

*** CHIMES & THE LIGHT DEPARTS WITH THE PEOPLE**

*** POSTLUDE** Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee arr. B. Mayo

Worship Leaders

The Rev. Dr. Arlene K. Nehring, Senior Minister
The Rev. Pepper Swanson, Associate Minister
Dr. Jessie Wenchieh Lo, Organist & Music Director
Herb Graw, Liturgist

Miriam Hutchinson, Julie Booher, Greeters
Miriam Hutchinson, Russ Newman, Julie Booher, TBD, Ushers
Kemy Gekara & Yoselin Penado, Sunday Childcare Workers
Keith Smith & Dianne Dorn, Church School Teachers

Keith R Smith, Fellowship Captain
Keith R Smith, Fellowship Host
Carol Roach, Lauren Smith-Bove, Fellowship Helpers
Daniella Prym, Trustee on Duty
Jose Menjivar, Sexton on Duty

Flower Dedication

The flowers were given by Patricia Henderson in memory of her husband, Anthony Henderson.

Welcome

Welcome to Eden United Church of Christ! If you are searching for a spiritual home, please consider becoming part of our congregation. Eden welcomes members who seek a deeper relationship with God in a caring community and who strive to make a difference in the lives of others. We will celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism and the Rite of Church Membership four to five times yearly during morning worship. Please see one of our pastors or an usher, deacon, or member of the E-Team if you seek baptism for yourself or your child, or if you would like to be received into church membership. We will celebrate infant and adult baptism and receive new members several times each year.

TODAY

Directory Photos: TODAY after worship our volunteer photographer Kent Walth will be available in the Fireside Room to take new portraits for the Church directory, especially for new members and our 2017 Confirmands. If you would like a portrait taken, please visit Kent at his photography station in Oliver Hall. Please note: portraits for the Church directory are complementary. While Kent may email proofs or discuss purchasing photos for your own use, you are under no obligation to purchase photos. For more information, contact Pastor Pepper.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MLK, Jr. Events in Hayward/Castro Valley: On Sunday, **Jan 14**, the Castro Valley Community Alliance will show the film *A Time for Justice: America's Civil Rights Movement*, followed by a panel and community discussion. The showing begins at 2 pm at the Castro Valley Library. On Monday, **Jan 15**, join the Hayward community at the Martin Luther King March around downtown Hayward, sponsored by the South Hayward Parish, starting with remarks at 9:30 am, followed by a March around downtown Hayward at 10:30 am and closing remarks and music at 11:30 am. This year's featured speakers include: Rev. Rochelle Frazier, South Hayward United Methodist Church, Frank Burton, Starr King UU Church on the new Poor People's Campaign, and Munir Safi, Eden Area Interfaith Council and Muslim Community.

ESLO Committee: The ESLO Committee will meet next Sunday, **Jan 21** at 11:30 in the Fireside Room to debrief the Advent/Christmas season and to plan for the upcoming season of Lent/Easter.

Free Seminar on Estate and Trust Planning: On Sunday, **Jan 28** at 11:30 am (after worship), Alma Soongi Beck will provide a FREE seminar on Estate and Trust Planning in the Norberg Room. Alma is a partner with Lakin Spears LLP and a Certified Specialist in Estate Planning, including LGBT estate planning and trust and probate law. This seminar is open to the public and is designed for anyone who needs to update or prepare a will or living trust. To register, please sign up in the Church Office or call or send email to Diana Zankowsky. For more information about the Planned Giving Committee or this event, contact Rob Parrish or Pastor Arlene.

DTAM Candidating Weekend: The Search Committee and Church Council have unanimously nominated the Rev. Marvin Lance Wisner to serve as Eden's Designated Term Associate Minister (DTAM) for Youth, Young Adults, and Young Families, for a term of three years, beginning July 1, 2018. Members of Eden Church and the Cherryland community are invited to meet and greet him and his family at a reception on Saturday, Feb 3 from 12-2 p.m. in Oliver Hall. On Sunday, Feb 4, the Rev Wisner will preach and the Congregational will consider his nomination at a special Congregational Meeting (see below).

Special Congregational Meeting: Council has called a Special Congregational Meeting for Sunday, **Feb 4**, beginning at 11:15 a.m. for the following purposes: 1) acting on Council's recommendation to call the Rev. Marvin Lance Wisner as Designated Term Associate Minister (DTAM) for Youth, Young Adults, and Young Families, 2) announcing an amendment to the 2018 EAF Grants Report, and 3) offering an update on the sale of the Oliver Salt Plant property. The meeting will be held in the Sanctuary.

SMALL GROUPS

Free Yoga Class: Namaste! Free weekly bi-lingual (English-Spanish) yoga classes will resume at Eden Church on **Jan 23**. Class is from 6 to 7 pm on Tuesday nights in **Room 201** (across from the Jensen Room). Please use the West Wing (FESCO) entrance. For more information, contact Tania Martinez.

Seekers Book Club: Seekers are reading *Two Dogs and a Parrot* by Joan Chittister. Seekers meet **Wednesdays at 10 am** in the Community Room. Newcomers are always welcome.

Bible Study: The Spring Bible Study series on the parables of Jesus begins **Feb 12**. Dates for both the morning and evening sessions include: **Feb 12 & 26, Mar 12 & 26, Apr 9 & 23 and May 7 & 21**. For info, contact Dianne Dorn or Keith Smith.

Single Women's Group: Single women meet for fellowship and lunch on the first Friday of every month. The next meeting is Friday, **Feb 2**. For information, contact Daniella Prym.

ONGOING PROGRAMS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Coat Drive for Unaccompanied Minors: Gently-used and clean coats are being collected at Eden Church for unaccompanied minors during Jan & Feb. Nearly 300 unaccompanied minors attend school in the Hayward Unified School District and are in need of clothing, housing, and support. Coats in men's sizes S, M, & L are especially needed. If you'd like to donate a coat, please place it in the collection barrel in the Eden Church Office. For more information, contact Pastor Arlene.

Cherryland Computer Café Hours: The spring semester café hours will be as follows: Monday and Tuesdays, 4—7pm, and Comida Wednesdays, 1:30—4pm.

Eden Church Childcare Policy: Eden Church makes a reasonable attempt to provide childcare during Sunday worship, congregational meetings, and Taste & See Gatherings without a special request. The church also makes a reasonable attempt to provide childcare for church-sponsored meetings/events. To request childcare for your family or for a church meeting/event, contact Pastor Pepper at pepper@edenucc.com.

***New* 2018 Flower Calendar:** The 2018 Flower Calendar is now posted in the Church Office. Stop by to sign up for a date to match your occasion. Flowers can be provided by: 1) Cut or purchase flowers and arrange them at home or church and place them on the communion table; 2) Make arrangements with Eden's Flower Coordinator Mary Graw to provide flowers and she will arrange them; or 3) Order flowers delivered from a florist to the church on the Saturday prior to your date. Bulletin dedications are due to the Church Office by 12 noon on the Wednesday before your date. For information, contact Mary Graw at 510-581-5536.

This Week At-A-Glance

Sunday, January 14

9:00—9:45 am	Music Rehearsal	Sanctuary
10:00—11:15 am	Worship	Sanctuary
11:15—12:30 pm	Fellowship	Oliver Hall
11:30—12:30 pm	Directory Photos	Fireside
11:30—12:30 pm	DTAM Search Committee Meeting	Norberg
11:30—12:30 pm	Music Rehearsal	Sanctuary
11:30—12:30 pm	Sunday Counters	Library

Monday, January 15- MLK Jr's Birthday Campus Closed

Tuesday, January 16

4:00—7:00 pm	Cherryland Computer Café	Norberg Room
7:00—9:00 pm	Trustees Meeting	Norberg Room

Wednesday, January 17

10:00—11:30 am	Seekers	Community Room
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Saturday, January 20

1:30—2:30 pm	Donald Sheppard Memorial Service	Sanctuary
2:30—4:00 pm	Reception	Oliver Hall

Sunday, January 21

9:00—9:45 am	Music Rehearsal	Sanctuary
10:00—11:15 am	Worship	Sanctuary
11:15—12:30 pm	Fellowship	Oliver Hall
11:30—12:30 pm	ESLO Meeting	Fireside Room
11:30—12:30 pm	Music Rehearsal	Sanctuary
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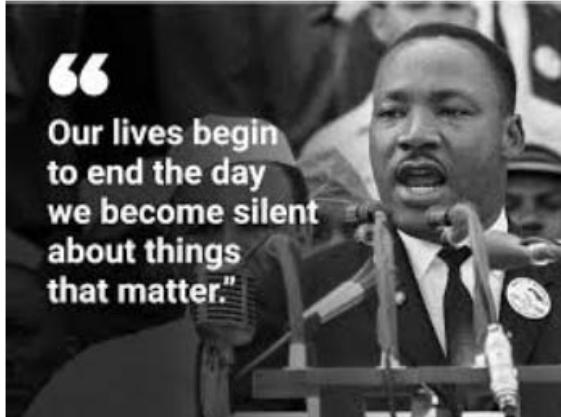
Coming Attractions – Mark Your Calendars!

New or amended items are in bold & italics

Jan 15	ML King Holiday (Campus Closed)	Feb 14	Ash Wednesday Service/Lent Begins
Jan 16	Trustees Meeting	Feb 14	Comida para Cherryland
Jan 21	<i>ESLO Meeting</i>	Feb 18	ESLO Meeting
Jan 22	EAF Board Meeting	Feb 20	Free Yoga
Jan 23	Free Yoga	Feb 26	Bible Study
Jan 28	Estate Planning Seminar	Feb 27	Free Yoga
Feb 2-4	DTAM Candidating Weekend	Feb 28	Comida para Cherryland
Feb 04	Special Congregational Meeting	Mar 06	Church Council Meeting
Feb 06	Church Council Meeting	Mar 06	Free Yoga
Feb 06	Free Yoga	Mar 11	One Great Hour of Sharing & Taste & See
Feb 12	Bible Study		
Feb 13	Free Yoga		

MLK Day March

Monday, January 15, 2018



Hayward City Hall Plaza

- * **9:30 Gathering at Hayward City Hall Plaza**
 - * **10:30 March around Downtown Hayward**
 - * **11:30 Music & Closing Remarks**
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Sponsoring Organizations:

South Hayward Parish Congregations

**Good Shepherd Lutheran * South Hayward United Methodist
Congregation Shir Ami * Starr King Unitarian Universalist Church
St. Clement's Roman Catholic * United Church of Hayward
New Bridges Presbyterian * Our Lady of Grace Roman Catholic
Eden Area Interfaith Council**